

August 1, 2018

RE: Diversion of a portion of Park Property

Dear Neighbor,

Greetings from your neighbors, Julie and Tucker Carlson, at 420 Portland. This letter is to inform you of a request we have made of the City of St. Paul and the Parks and Recreation Commission. It regards the diversion and acquisition of a small, unmaintained, parcel of Nathan Hale Park Property neighboring 420 Portland Avenue.

To help explain the natural ebbs and flows that occur in a neighborhood over the course of a century, and the complicated history we've inherited, please review the attached presentation. This information was prepared for the City Council, Parks Commission and Neighborhood Council this Spring.

We appreciate the concerns any diversion of park property can create. The benefit to the community of a vibrant parks system is incalculable and any diversion should be logical and justified. In our meetings with the different interested parties, we can assure you of their tireless commitment to preserving the City's public park spaces.

The Summit-University Council took final, affirmative, action regarding our request at their most recent July meeting. The final steps will require recommendation from the Parks Commission at their meeting on August 16th. The final decision by the City Council will follow before we can negotiate the purchase.

The current, natural, division of Nathan Hale Park and 420 Portland Avenue appears visually logical. We are hopeful the our efforts will be successful and avoid a visually unappealing lot division and fencing arrangement.

Thank you for you time in reviewing this information. If you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding our request, please contact us at anytime. We can be reached at 612-849-0258 or by email at tcarlson67@me.com

Be well and enjoy the remainder of your Summer,

Julie and Tucker Carlson

If you have a comment or concern to express to the City, please reach out to:

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